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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002, a reply to which is due November 21, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is believed to be timely filed and, therefore, no fee is due. However, if any fee is deemed to be due, The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 19 and ending on page 27, line 6, with the following new paragraph:

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Human	NITEGE ³⁷³	³⁷⁴ ARGSVILT (SEQ ID NO:22)
Bovine	NITEGE	ARGSVILT (SEQ ID NO:23)
Rat	NITEGE	ARGNVILT (SEQ ID NO:24)
Mouse	NVTEGE	ALGSVILT (SEQ ID NO:25)
Pig	NITEGE	ARGTVILT (SEQ ID NO:26)
Sheep	NITEGE	ARGNVILT (SEQ ID NO:27)
Chicken	NVTEEE	ARGSI (SEQ ID NO:28)
Horse	NITEGE	ARGNVILT (SEQ ID NO:29)

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